Ajit Kumar Committee Report

744. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the recommendations made by the Ajit Kumar Committee Report on the pay related disparities for the armed forces;

(b) whether all the recommendations have been accepted; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for which some recommendations have not been accepted?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Ajit Kumar Committee constituted to consider anomalies in pay and allowances of the armed forces personnel arising out of the implementation of the Vth Central Pay Commission recommendations, has submitted its Report. It will not be in the public interest to disclose the recommendations of the Committee at this stage, as these are presently under consideration of the Government.

गुजरात में छावनी क्षेत्र

745. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय गुजरात में सैनिक छावनी का कुल कितना क्षेत्र है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने गांधीनगर में अद्यतन पूर्णकालिक छावनी बनाने संबंधी कोई निर्णय लिया है;

(ग) क्या उनके मंत्रालय ने छावनी क्षेत्र की भूमि के उचित उपयोग के लिए कोई योजना तैयार की है जिसके अंतर्गत छावनी क्षेत्र का सर्वांगीण विकास किया जा सके; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज): (क) गुजरात के अहमदाबाद में केवल एक छावनी है। इसका कुल क्षेत्र (20.10.1997 की स्थिति अनुसार) 1376.4797 एकड़ है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) छावनी का प्रशासन और विकास संबंधी कार्य छावनी अधिनियम 1924 के प्रावधानों के अनुसार छावनी बोर्ड द्वारा किया जाता है।

Gallantry Awards

746. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gallantry awards being given to army personnel do not include monetary help;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal to offer some monetary help atleast for the family members of the posthumous awardees?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Monetary allowance is being given to each recipient of gallantry awards and in the case of posthumous awardees, the same is given to his widow or widower or mother/father or son below 18 years or unmarried daughter, as the case may be.

State Quota in recruitment to defence services

747. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to scrap the existing recruitment rules of quota of States in the Defence Services;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to ensure adequate representation to the persons in different States;

(d) whether Government discussed the issue of removing the quota system on the basis of population with the State Governments, especially the Southern States; and

(e) if so, what are reactions of these States?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Recruitment into the Army from various States is in proportion of the Recruitable Male Population of each State.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.